

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on March 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 10, 3/7/2017; SJ 18, 3/7/2017; SB 168, 3/7/2017

HEARING ON SJ 10

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SJ 10, Joint resolution regarding the keystone pipeline.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:08 Chris Cavazos, AFL-CIO
00:02:33 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)
00:03:00 Jason Rittal, Fallon County
00:04:48 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and Coal Counties Inc
00:05:35 Gary Wiens, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association
00:06:16 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
00:06:59 Webb Brown, Treasure Resource Council (TRC)
00:07:45 Brian Thompson, Montana Contracts Association
00:08:02 Allan Olsen, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:27 Dan Roper, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(feh52a01\)](#)

00:12:32 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(feh52a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(feh52a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:36 Rep. Olsen
00:17:06 Chris Cavazos, AFL-CIO
00:17:29 Rep. Olsen
00:17:48 Vice Chair Hayman
00:18:14 Anne Hedges, MEIC
00:18:46 Vice Chair Skees
00:19:30 Anne Hedges, MEIC
00:19:56 Vice Chair Skees
00:20:11 Anne Hedges, MEIC
00:20:47 Vice Chair Skees
00:21:00 Anne Hedges, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:21:27 Sen. Lang

HEARING ON SB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:19 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 168, Revising energy procurement plan review.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:14 John Alke, North Western Energy (NWE)
00:29:41 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:31:05 Will Rosquist, Public Service Commission (PSC)
[EXHIBIT\(feh52a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:23 Chair Zolnikov
00:34:30 Sen. Malek
00:34:46 Vice Chair Hayman
00:35:21 Will Rosquist, PSC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:32 Sen. Malek

HEARING ON SJ 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:26 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SJ 18, Joint resolution supporting policies for advanced transmission lines.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:18 Chris Puyear, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)
[EXHIBIT\(feh52a05\)](#)

00:44:56 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest
00:46:29 Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:48:04 Vice Chair Skees
00:48:32 Sen. Blasdel

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:48 Sen. Blasdel

00:50:01 Chair Zolnikov
00:50:09 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
00:50:18 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:51:23

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh52aad.pdf](#))